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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

38 June 6, 2017

LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18  
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for continuation of public transit services for residents of the unincorporated County areas of the Santa Clarita Valley and delegate the authority to execute an agreement for that purpose with the City of Santa Clarita for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of public transit services for the unincorporated County areas of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2017-18 at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of Santa Clarita and the County to jointly finance and for the City of Santa Clarita to administer transit services for Fiscal Year 2017-18.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to expend up to an additional 10 percent of the agreement amount for any additional work within the scope of the agreement, if required.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions will provide for continuation of public transit services for the residents of the unincorporated County areas of the Santa Clarita Valley and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute an agreement for that purpose in a form approved by County Counsel for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities and Objective II.2.4, Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles; and Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability Our Daily Reality and Objective II.3.5, Support a Clean, Flexible, and Integrated Multi-Modal Transportation System that Improves Mobility.

This transit service improves the mobility options and quality of life for County residents. By continuing to jointly fund this service with the City of Santa Clarita, transit services are provided to the public in a cost-effective, timely, and responsive manner.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the Santa Clarita Valley transit services is estimated to be \$31.9 million for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services is estimated to be \$5.4 million. The City will be pursuing funding assistance from various sources, such as Federal Transit Administration, State, Proposition A Discretionary, and Proposition A Incentive grants for these services. Any grant funds received by the City, along with farebox revenue and Metrolink transfer revenue, will offset the County's share of the cost. The County's net share of the cost after deducting grants and farebox/transfer revenue is estimated to be \$2.4 million.

The necessary funds for the County's share are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board has previously approved programs to provide public transit to the residents of the unincorporated County areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. These services are more economically performed through partnership with the City and its independent contractor and include a 7-day-per-week local bus service, a 5-day-per-week commuter bus service, and a 7-day-per-week elderly and persons with disabilities and general public paratransit service. The services have been administered by the City since January 1, 1992.

The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to final execution by the Director of Public Works.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter services.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for continuation of the current services. The Santa Clarita Valley transit services enhance the mobility of the public by providing access to other areas throughout the unincorporated County.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Counsel  
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